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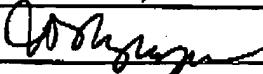
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed August 2, 2004, the Examiner contends that Applicant claims two distinct inventions; namely, Group I (claims 1-18), drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 110 and Group II (claims 19-36), drawn to article system, classified in class 700, subclass 121. Thus, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, the Examiner requires Applicants to restrict the application to one of the alleged two inventions.

In response, Applicants submit that the restriction requirement is improper because part of the claims in question were canceled. Claims 1-18 and 27-36 were canceled and new claims 37-44 were added in the preliminary amendment filed on February 12, 2004.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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